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SUBJECT: DEMARCHE DELIVERED: SUPPORT OF U.S. CANDIDACY TO
THE INTERNATIONAL MARITIME ORGANIZATION

REF: SECSTATE 207080

[1](#)1. (U) This is an action request. Please see paragraph 4.

[1](#)2. (U) On November 17, Econoff delivered reftel talking points via fax to Angella Brown, Assistant Director of the International Organizations Department at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Foreign Trade (MFAFT). In a follow-up call on November 18, Brown stated that she intended to discuss our nomination with the MFAFT Permanent Secretary, Ambassador Douglas Saunders. On November 21, Brown responded to our request via diplomatic note. Brown advised that GOJ is willing to support the U.S. candidacy, and further proposed that USG and GOJ enter into a mutual support arrangement, whereby GOJ would support the USG candidate in category 'A' in return for USG support of the GOJ candidate in category 'C.' The text of the request is included below.

[1](#)3. (U) Begin text:

Complimentary Opening.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Foreign Trade wishes to advise that Jamaica is willing to support the candidature and has the further honour to propose a mutual support arrangement whereby the Government of Jamaica would support the candidature of the United States for Category 'A', in exchange for support from the Government of the United States for Jamaica's candidature for a seat on the Council in category 'C' for the 2006-2007 biennium (Note: GOJ did not specify who their candidate is, but assumed that Department received this information from the GOJ Mission to the United States. End note.).

The Government of Jamaica would greatly appreciate the Government of the United States giving written confirmation to this proposal for mutual support, should the arrangement be agreeable to the Government of the United States.

Complimentary closing.

[1](#)4. (U) Action requested: Post requests Department guidance on how to respond to the GOJ proposal.

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